IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A wheel, particularly for use on automotive vehicles, ~~formed by associating~~comprising:

_____a substantially cylindrical wheel rim ~~(2) and a substantially circular wheel disc (3) to each other, the wheel rim (2) comprising~~including at least one flange ~~(4),~~ having an end; and

~~the~~a substantially circular wheel disc ~~(3) comprising~~including at least one through bore, ~~(16) having comprises~~ at least one projection ~~(37) which~~that cooperates with the substantially cylindrical wheel rim, ~~(2)~~ and a substantially annular end region that defines a first contact surface ~~(20)~~,

~~the wheel being characterized in that~~wherein the first contact surface ~~(20)~~ of the substantially circular wheel disc ~~(3)~~ cooperates with the end of the at least one flange of the substantially cylindrical wheel rim ~~(2) at the end of the flange (4)~~.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The wheel according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the first contact surface ~~(20)~~ of the substantially circular wheel disc is fixed to the at least one flange ~~(4)~~ of the substantially cylindrical wheel rim ~~(2)~~ by a ~~filing~~ filling welding.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The wheel according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one projection ~~(37)~~ faces ~~the~~an internal surface of the substantially circular wheel disc ~~(3)~~ and defines a second contact surface ~~(21)~~ with the substantially cylindrical wheel rim.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The wheel according to claim 1 ~~or 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one projection ~~(37)~~ is substantially annular-segment shaped.

5. (NEW) The wheel according to claim 3, wherein the at least one projection is substantially annular-segment shaped.